

# **PMA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**February 9, 2005**

Meeting held at the VFW and started at 7:00 PM

Present: Beth Scanlon, Ellen Schnelle, Anne Cirillo, Pat Aronson, Irene Aurilio, Keith Fogarty, Peter McFarland, Mary Dewar, Fran Rush, Alan Bouffard, Niki Orphanos, Bob Howe, Dottie Cronan, Maureen Walsh, Lorraine O'Connor, Brenda Farulla, Marsha Notarangelo, Terry McDonald, Antoinetta Zambito.

## **SECRETARY:**

No new business

## **TREASURER:**

New fund balances presented.

Scholarship money is being distributed from last year as students have submitted their 1<sup>st</sup> semester grades.

Budget meeting hasn't been able to meet yet but will be schedules ASAP.

Keith will give student accounts disc to Anne.

Accountant has finished organizing our financial info and has filed our tax returns. He discounted his fee and we owe him \$3500.00. Group voted to pay him out of honorarium fund.

## **VICE PRESIDENT:**

. No report

## **WAYS & MEANS:**

New fund-raiser ideas – Mr. Griffin's band, the N. E. Brass Band, offered to do a Christmas fundraiser concert.

Calendars – should we get advanced orders this year? Group decided that it was popular but we need to do a better job of marketing it next year. The plan is to also include pictures of elementary school music groups.

## **FINE ARTS DIRECTOR:**

Middle School Honors Chorus did a great job at the Providence Bruins.

Middle School task force – Beth is a member so bring any concerns to her.

6 students are going to All States.

Beth will speak at the National Art Educators Association conference with Ann Malachowski. They will speak about Arts Advocacy. The meeting is in Boston March 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.

Fine Arts Festival – Art Dept would like to run their own raffle. Usually we rotate the funds 3 ways (Art – Drama – Music). Point made that it is not a good idea to run 2 separate raffles at the same event. The group decided to give the raffle to the art dept.

We need to pay the judges for the Jazz Classic and the teachers for the the Jazz Bands who do the Feb. vacation workshops. We have always paid these in the past. Motion was made to move money from the honorarium fund to student fund to cover these expenses (until the funds are reorganized via the budget committee). This motion was approved.

The PMA has traditionally paid for lunch for the jazz bands one day during the Feb. vacation workshops or the elementary school tour. Voted to pay for once lunch for each group.

Final payment is due Friday for the choral trip to Italy. The students would like to continue fundraising. Question was raised re: how to organize it. Should the PMA cover the projected fundraising amount and be paid back by the students? It was noted that sometimes there is a problem collecting money from the students. Decision was made that the student should pay the full amount now and money raised in future fundraisers will then be reimbursed from us. The student will have a choice of either receiving a check or putting it into their student account.

The treasurer will keep the Italy fund open until the trip is over.

Any extra money raised will be put into the Italy fund and reimbursed to the students as above.

## **STUDENT ACCOUNTS AND DATA BASE:**

Student accounts are in the process of being transferred to the treasurer.

**PUBLICITY:**

Jeannie Lee will participate in the All National String Orchestra  
March - the Choral and Instrumental Classics  
April - MICCA

**PHOTOGRAPHER:**

Planning to be at the Jazz Classic to take pictures.

**WEBMASTER:**

Audio CD is ready

**SHS PERFORMANCE COORDINATOR:**

No new business.

**ASST. PERFORMANCE COORDINATOR (SHS - JAZZ BAND):**

Niki went over last minute prep. for the Jazz Classic. Group decided to continue tradition of taking the judges out after the event.

**ASST. PERFORMANCE COORDINATOR (SHS – MARCHING BAND):**

No new business.

**ASST. PERFORMANCE COORDINATOR (SHS – CHORAL GROUPS):**

MICCA is April 1 – 3. Bob will put a volunteer sign-up on the website. He is asking volunteers to sign up for at least 2 hour blocks.

**ASST. PERFORMANCE COORDINATOR (CMS):**

Nothing to report at present. Choral and instrumental classics re next events on the calendar.

**SPECIAL FUNDRAISING, 50/50:**

This month's winner : Julie and Steve Lydon. \$104.09

**MUSIC CAMP & TRIP COORDINATOR:**

No new business

**HOSPITALITY:**

No new business

## **FUND CLASSIFICATION REVIEW:**

No new business

## **BY-LAW COMMITTEE:**

There have been 2 meetings. The by-laws have all been re-written and will need a Monday night to present it to the board for revision and acceptance. The draft will be put on the website before the meeting so it can be reviewed prior to the meeting.

The meeting has been scheduled for Monday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The executive board met to fill the vacancy left by Sandy Ferzoco. It was decided to move Ellen Schnelle into the President position. Peter MacFarland accepted the position of acting Vice President. It was felt that this would provide continuity, rather than making a lot of changes at this time. These officers are for the remainder of this term only. The nominating committee will still be responsible for coming up with a new slate of officers for the next term.

Since Ellen is now the President she is no longer eligible to be on the nominating committee. Peter, as Vice President, will chair the committee. We need one more member. Dotty Cronan volunteered.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Plans have been made to hold a car wash as a student fund-raiser for the spring. Students who work it will get a percentage of the profit put into their student account. Brenda and Dotty will coordinate the car wash.

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:**

We need to schedule our Spring Dance. Some dates will be checked with Bob Howe (our DJ extraordinaire) and the hall. Once a date is set it will be on the website.

8<sup>th</sup> into 9<sup>th</sup> parent night is tomorrow night.

Board Insurance – 2 companies were found who provide this type of insurance. Ellen and Pat will get info and quotes from both.

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING,  
PLEASE E-MAIL YOUR CORRECTIONS TO THE SECRETARY  
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